



Coming from the mire of the earth, Aghori stimulates the inner fire of faith through fire in her eyes, her inner light.

Who is Aghori?

There is a sect of sadhus (spiritual renunciates) in India called the Aghoris. A true Aghori has reached a state of enlightened being where distinctions between clean and dirty no longer exist, and all appears to the sadhu as nectar. Because of their appearance and habits, people deride and insult them. From this practice the Aghori accumulates merit as he or she is in fact in a state of inner purity.

The Dakini Aghori is the female embodiment, embracing in her being the energies of all those bag ladies on the streets who have wisdom to give, standing as they do outside the realm of social mores.

She is a female Sadhu who has renounced the world, and so can shine her light in any part of it. She is our urban Goddess, offering unconditional love for those who have no place to turn.

Location/Sphere of Influence

Urban environments all over the world/slums/the homeless/ down & out areas & states of being.

Allies

Stray dogs/all homeless animals.

Nature & Description of Dakini

Aghori lives on the urban streets, dirty and homeless, smelling rank and eating trash and offal. She appears disgusting at first sight and may inspire revulsion. However Dakinis traditionally often appear to seekers as unattractive hags, asking for help which, if offered by the seeker, she rewards by appearing in her true form - a radiant compassionate Dakini.

She is shown as a typical bag lady, with her belongings in her cart and bottle in a brown bag. In one form, she seems to be asking for something. In another, she offers to share what she has with you. It may seem repulsive to you, but to her it is the very substance of life. As with the Biblical tale of the 'widow's mite', Aghori's gift is the height of selflessness and therefore carries a powerful blessing.

In the center she reveals herself in her true nature. She views everything as part of herself. She wears the orange robe of the Hindu renunciate, which is adorned with images of slums. Her body is smeared in the ashes of the cremation ground of existence.

A fire burns in her throat, transforming poison into elixir.

Her mudra (hand gesture) overcomes fear and grants protection.

She offers a mystic jewel in a wish-fulfilling gesture, alongside a valentine of mire.

She sits against a backdrop of the cities of the planet, as darkness falls. The gutters of the homeless areas of any city, with the outcasts of society, is where she can be found. Or she can come up to you on any street at any time, which is why her cityscape encompasses so much. She is to be found in the heart of the metropolis, living on the streets, with a wild look in her eye. She is the spirit of the streets.

She is the Bodhisattva for the urban and the outcast.

Divinatory Meaning

Seek to see the diamond in the rough.

See your own diamond, adamant self gleam through all experience.

Aghori comes before you as dirty and unkempt, placing herself outside the realm of socially acceptable human behavior.

Look beneath the surface.

Do not judge by appearances.

Lose distinction between clean and dirty.

Be ready to receive messages in the most unlikely situations, from the most unlikely messengers.

Treat all beings with compassion.

Cultivate charity and a charitable attitude.

See those less fortunate than yourself as yourself by a turn of circumstances.

Social standing, power and money are not gauges of intrinsic value.

By what standards do you judge others?

Examine yourself and see if you are superficial in your assessments, rating others by how they look and their social standing. In a society intoxicated with youth and glamour, real treasures go unrecognized. We miss the wisdom of our elders by treating our aged as social rejects.

Look for the light in the eyes.

We all have our addictions. Aghori asks you to admit to them and own them. If you see yourself in the gutter, you can only rise from there. Often we never allow ourselves to touch rock bottom, so we stay stuck in the illusion that everything is OK.

You can let it all go and still be OK. You can take it all on, all those tendencies you try to hide away, all those patterns you disguise in a veneer of respectability, all those fears of abandonment that make you unable to look a homeless person in the eye... You can admit to them all and Aghori will still love you. She has seen it all.

Aghori wants all those disgusting parts of yourself that you think no one will ever love. Dive into your inner dumpsters.

If you are open to the above, Aghori is one of the most potent boon cards of the deck. For Aghori to have appeared before you, you have summoned some powerful assistance and unconditional, unconditioned, love.

She offers you fearlessness. Courage to embrace all those parts of yourself you see as 'unclean', 'impure' or 'unholy'.

Do you perhaps see aspects of your body's functions in this way?

An opportunity to transcend attraction and repulsion.

Aghori says it's all sacred. She makes no distinctions.

You are beautiful. Aghori is your reflection.

Aghori accepts you for all you have been, all you are, and all that you can be.

Indications

Be alert for a special message. Know that things are not always what they seem..

Spirit is buried in the densest of matter, it is everywhere.

Practices

1. Look into yourself and dredge up all those things you find repugnant, repulsive about yourself. See them, own them and love them as part of you.
What do you consider ugly or beautiful? Own your ugly too. Reclaim this part of you that Aghori loves, for she loves you completely.
2. In vision space sit with Aghori in the gutter, Share a moment, share your diseases and your addictions.
3. Offer random acts of kindness, driven only by the impulses of your heart and without looking to get anything out of it. Choose a homeless person to give something of value to. Aghori requires you to perform at least one of these acts if she is the Dakini of your divination.
4. Seek treasures in unusual places, where others would see trash.
5. Recycle.
6. Look for Aghori and try to help her in your dreams.

7. Send unconditional love to all the homeless and those in less fortunate positions in life. All are precious in the eyes of the Goddess.

Dakini Transmission

I am the mangy dog you kicked
The homeless woman you ignore
The light that burnt from that beggar's eyes
See me now
With all that you abhor
Embrace me as part of yourself
And I'll give you freedom to explore
The realms beyond appearance...

Affirmations

I accept all of myself
The clean and the dirty
All parts of me are sacred
I judge not others
Lest I myself be judged
I do not judge myself